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ALL ABOUT ALASKA.

"Mr. Seward paid seven million dollars for the Russian possession of Alaska, and it was a mere fraction of what the property is worth," said Governor Swineford in conversation with a Critic reporter; "what is wanted in that remote region is not capital, the enterprise, the immigration, to properly develop it."

A great many large and picturesque stories are told about Alaska, not all of which, perhaps, would pass for genuine, if subjected to close microscopic inspection. It is said, for instance, that in some of the harbors on the coast, it is no uncommon thing to haul in an eight hundred pound halibut, which, when sold to any buyers in the vicinity, could be purchased for half a dollar or a quarter, or next to nothing. The cod exists in such exhaustible numbers that the American Government could well afford to quit loitering with Great Britain about the Newfoundland fisheries and rely on its own supply. Herring also abound in fabulous quantities. As for timber, there is so much of it that were the entire United States denuded of its forests, Alaska would be able to make good the deficit for countless ages. Then there is the great Yukon River, the extent of which has never been measured, but which, if it run in a straight line from Denver to the Atlantic coast of New Jersey, would be navigable the entire distance. It has a mouth, moreover, which is seventy miles wide, and at certain seasons so crowded with salmon for the entire width as to seriously impede navigation; and these salmon can be bought of the natives at a cent apiece.

There is no doubt but what Alaska is a great country and can stand some exaggeration without hurting its reputation. That its waters swarm enormously with seals, salmon, cod and herring is not to be disputed. That its streams are magnificently broad and indefinitely navigable is matter of record. That it is rich in precious minerals has already been ascertained. As Governor Swineford says, it is a country with a boundless future before it, and it is enough to know that the gentleman who President Cleveland has selected to reside over the executive affairs of that district—much sooner or later must become a full-fledged Territory and finally a powerful State—is fully imbued with the importance of directing public attention to the vastness of its resources and its desirability as a field for profitable investment.

Such a man is especially wanted in a region which has been far too long neglected—a man of energy, intelligence and pluck, who will not only take pride in the performance of his official functions, but an enthusiastic interest in the development and upbuilding of a new and prosperous community. Alaska, which is now but a black outpost, as it were, of American civilization, is destined to be one of its chief corner-stones, as essential to the symmetry of our political edifice as Florida, Maine and California.

Success, then, to Mr. Swineford as the pioneer Governor of the far North west.

GENERAL SHERIDAN'S MISSION.

The President is fortunate in having a man at the head of the army who can be depended upon in case of an emergency to do his full duty. In his dealings with the Indians, General Sheridan has sometimes been charged with doing, perhaps, more than his duty, but this is a question for the philanthropists to settle among themselves. He is a thorough soldier and can be expected to do his duty as well as to do his duty as a soldier. In the present instance he will of course be governed by his instructions, which are plain and to the point. He is not only to provide against any immediate danger, but to acquaint himself with the nature of the existing troubles and the remedy to be applied, not forgetting to test the Indians that they ever their cause of complaint may be, it will be given full and just attention by the authorities here.

The fears expressed in some quarters that the President's action in sending General Sheridan to the scene of disturbance foreshadows a policy of ruthless extermination or anything of that sort, it is safe enough to say, without any official information on the subject, that such a course as is given in the letter of instructions, which ought to be sufficient, are wholly without foundation; but that vigorous and effective measures will be adopted to protect the lives and property of white citizens and settlers against such of the Cheyennes or other savages as may elect to take the law into their own hands. With Sheridan in command, the campaign is likely to be short, sharp, and decisive.

SECRETARY WHITNEY'S TRIP.

Secretary Whitney has issued invitations for a Presidential party to go into the mountains of Maryland, starting at 3:30 p. m. today by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and returning to-morrow night or Monday morning. The President and Mrs. Cleveland, the members of the Cabinet and their wives, Marshal McMichael, and others are invited.

The party is the same which Secretary Whitney invited last year, the river two weeks ago, when a storm prevented the contemplated trip. The objective point in this instance is the club-house of the Woodmont Rifle and Gun Club, where the party will have an opportunity of breathing the most salubrious air on the continent, with the promise of fine weather and a cool wave, an abundance of good cheer, and an absence of office-seekers.

A dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, says that Governor Hoadly has received a letter from President Cleveland, in which he is told not to bother himself about news, paper criticisms or his recommendation of Mr. Noyes for Governor of the State of the Union Pacific Railroad, but to suggest an

other Republican for that place. Governor Hoadly is undoubtedly much elated over the President's letter and will comply with the request contained in it. He is going to be careful about his next time, but will probably recommend Hon. L. V. Harrison, president of the First National Bank of Columbus.

That the scandals printed in the *Pall Mall Gazette* are, in the main, true, is shown by the consideration given them. Cardinal Manning has consented to act with the Hon. Samuel Morley as a committee to which the *Gazette* will submit all its proofs. The examiners will, if they deem it advisable, report on the matter to the public. The details of the scandals are coming to this country rather rapidly and make no means attractive reading. That portion of the matter which is calculated to most excite a prurient curiosity is left out of the American reprints as unfit for publication.

THEY have a question in New York quite as important as that which recently agitated the country concerning the amount of cash in the Treasury. It is whether the city debt is \$90,000,000 or \$125,000,000, and depends upon whether the bonds held in the sinking fund are part of the debt or not. Unlike the other question, however, which has been settled simply by substituting one form of statement for another, the latter will have to be determined by the courts.

A petition is being numerously signed at the various churches and at the lower Potomac requesting additional mail facilities. Instead of being supplied three times a week, as at present, the parties interested are anxious to have a daily mail, and the reasonableness of the request is obvious. It would add greatly to the convenience of Washingtonians during their absence from the city and require but a small outlay by the Postoffice Department.

"Towns" of the Boston *Traveler* says of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that he has "earned the gratitude of thousands and thousands of honest settlers in the West, who are being defrauded out of public lands by the cattle syndicates." Mr. Sparks may be hasty at times, but he is honest always.

The plant of the World's Exposition at New Orleans is to be sold for the benefit of its creditors on Monday, and it is understood, will be bought in by the American Exposition, which proposes to utilize the buildings, machinery and other appointments in its new enterprise.

"LITTLE PHIL" Sheridan is off for a summer's vacation in the West, and, combining business with pleasure, will probably interview Lo, the untutored Indian, before he returns.

The ghost of St. John will not down in Ohio; and it is a particularly lively ghost.

Notes of New Publications.

"The Tinted Venus," a farcical romance, by F. Anstey, has just been received through Brentano from the publisher, D. Appleton & Co. Mr. Anstey has been very justly accorded a foremost position among modern English novelists and story writers, and his "Tinted Venus," which is written in a vein similar to that of the well-known "Vice-Versa," is an exceedingly clever and amusing story. Like "Vice-Versa," it is founded upon fact, and is told in a realistic matter-of-fact manner that is irresistible.

The Petersons of Philadelphia have just added to their popular edition of Mrs. Parson's "The Tinted Venus," a new and the sprightliest of love stories. It is in paper covers and the letter press is excellent.

The *Courier* for July is, as usual, rich in embellishments and interesting reading matter. The serial history of "Social Life in the Colonies," from the pen of Edward Eggleston, and "George Eliot's Country," by Rose G. Kingsley, are among the charmingly illustrated articles that add much to the attractiveness of the volume. The illustrated story papers are continued and Frank Thornton contributes one of his inimitable short stories, entitled "Discontent." A Hestian. Among other well-known contributors are W. D. Howells, Henry James, Alphonse Daudet, George Hancroft, Austin Dobson and W. L. Fawcett.

The Southern Biomea a new and attractively illustrated monthly magazine published at Louisville is largely devoted to historical reminiscences of late war and numbers among its contributors many well known writers. July issue is unusually interesting, and the new enterprise has our best wishes for its future success.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

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THE Rev. W. F. LEWIS of Illinois has succeeded Rev. Hugh H. H. as pastor of St. Stephen's P. E. Church, Baltimore.

THE Rev. M. J. ECKLES, late of Hayre de Grace, will take charge, August 1, of the Presbyterian Church at Salisbury, Md.

THE Rev. L. F. WATSON, from near Chester, Md., has been installed as pastor of St. James' P. E. Church, Post Deposit.

THE Rev. C. F. A. KAESMAN, pastor of Trinity German Lutheran Church, Baltimore, has tendered his resignation to take effect October 1.

THE Rev. E. M. BARKER, formerly pastor of Waverly Baptist Church, Baltimore County, Md., died on Sunday last in the city of his age.

THE Rev. G. W. HUNTINGTON, four years pastor of Christ Reformed Episcopal Church at Cumberland, Md., has accepted a call to the Church of the Reconciliation, Brooklyn.

TWO CHURCHES in Fluvanna and Caroline, Virginia, have extended pastoral calls to Rev. James T. Dickinson, son of Rev. A. E. Dickinson of the Richmond Religious Herald, who was recently ordained in that body.

THE Rev. CHARLES M. GRIFFIN, eight years pastor of St. John's Independent Methodist Chapel, Baltimore, will resign October 1 and return to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Union Church, Covington, Ky.

THE Rev. THOMAS D. PITTS of Baltimore has been called to the rectorship of Trinity Church, Washington, Pa., vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Samuel Epp, who has gone to Ann Arbor, Mich. Mr. Pitts is at present filling the pulpit of Grace Church, Baltimore.

THE Rev. J. A. CHURCH of Baltimore, which he was called from the Church of the Epiphany, this city, upon the death of Rev. Dr. George Lewis. He was called temporarily to Epiphany when Dr. William Faret resigned upon his election to the episcopate.

FOLLOWING are dates for various camps in Maryland: Mountain Lake Park Camp on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, near Deer Park, July 11; Jackson Grove, Methodist Protestant, on the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad, July 30; Summit Grove Camp, Methodist, Northern Central Railroad, July 30; Wesley Grove, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington Branch Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, July 31; Emory Grove, Methodist Episcopal, on the Western Maryland Railroad, August 6; Waynesville Grove, colored, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, July 17; Ashbury Grove, colored, Western Maryland Railroad, August 20.

PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

"What are the wild waves saying?" Sister, the whole day long?" "The waves say to a 3-cent plate of cream is coming it rather strong!"

MR. JAMES P. SCOTT, son of the late railway king, Colonel Scott, has leased the Blaine cottage at Bar Harbor.

BABON VON SCHAEFFER, the Austrian Minister at Washington, will sail to-day on the steamer Westernland for Antwerp.

MISS CLEVELAND's book will be out this week. Democrats who fail to get any office may find employment as book canvassers.—[Chicago Mail.]

SUPERINTENDENT FOX of the Philadelphia Mint has relieved the gloom of the building's west front with two hundred blooming geranium plants.

EX-GOVERNOR LONG of Massachusetts refuses to be considered a candidate for Senator Dawes' seat, which becomes vacant in 1887. He prefers to remain for the present in the House.

THERE are four daily papers in Lima, all published in the morning, with cable dispatches from Europe and the United States. They do not make their appearance on the street until 10 p. m.

COLONEL GEORGE L. PERKINS of Norwich, Conn., now nearly ninety-eight years of age, has been treasurer of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad since 1858, and still attends to all the business details of his position.

THERE has been a bright season for justice in New York. There was another triumph yesterday when Pudney, the aged sexton of St. George's Church, found guilty of assaulting two little Sunday-school girls, was sentenced to State's prison for a term of twenty years.—[N. Y. World.]

THE Mexican editors arrived in New York to-day and will remain in that city five days. They will attend mass at the Cathedral to-morrow evening and will be at the Casino in the evening. On Friday they will be entertained at New Haven and thence proceed to Philadelphia direct.

MR. BENDER being asked what he thought of the President's choice for collector of the port of New York, replied: "Well, I have never believed in Grover Cleveland—no more so than now—and I do not believe he would have appointed Mr. Hedden if he were not a good man for the place."

COMMISSIONER CARROLL D. WAGNER of the National Bureau of Labor Statistics is suffering from an attack of rheumatism, but the work of the inspectors goes on. Their efforts are being directed to ascertaining the cost of labor necessary to produce the great staples, iron, receiving special attention.

THE order of the National Labor Union has been already made his appearance. This time he sails under the name of Samuel J. Bridge, and he sails from Lincoln County, Maine, for fifty-five summers he has inhaled the Saratoga air and inhaled the Saratoga waters. He is the gentleman who recently presented Harvard University with a statue of John Harvard.—[Troy Times.]

JOHN R. MCLEAN, who is now at Saratoga, says: "I am not a candidate for any place on earth, nor have a personal want to go before that convention. I think when the Democratic State Convention meets it should nominate Hoadly for Governor, and then pass a resolution declaring that the sentiment of the Ohio Democrats should be in favor of this man, although there will be many other active candidates."

THE *American Register* of a recent date says: "Old acquaintances will scarcely recognize Bret Harte in the gray, wrinkled, corpulent man here, who has been in his residence in Europe. His hair is now as white as snow; he is of full habit, with a decided tendency to corpulence. One of his sons, Francis B. Harte, named for his father, is an actor of promise. Another, an elder, is in business, and prefers his comparatively sure methods of success to the precarious ways of literature and the drama."

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N. B. NICHOL, Secretary.

ACTIVE WORK AT SEAMEN'S.

Boat Repairing will be resumed on to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when a new ship will be taken in.

which justice of Seal, Mr. Nye, Mr. Green and others will speak.

AN IMPORTANT TEMPERANCE.

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Main depot and what will be at the old locality, corner of 10th and Water sts. N. W.

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JOHN T. GIVEN.

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